

IOWA DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**IN RE: DESIGNATION OF PLACES OF
HOLDING COURT FOR 2016**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2016-3
Amending Admin. Order 2015-61**

WHEREAS Iowa Code §§602.1211(1) and 602.6105(1) and Iowa Court Rules 22.5 and 22.8(1) provide the Chief Judge shall designate the places of holding court in the district:

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

A. THE COURTHOUSE

The courthouse in the county seat of each county of the Fifth Judicial District is hereby designated as the official place of holding court in the county. Criminal and civil jury trials shall be held in the courthouse of the county where the case is filed, except as provided herein. Actions, special proceedings and other matters not requiring a jury may be done at some other place in the district with the consent of the parties and the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge shall designate such other places on a case-by-case basis.

B. JAIL COURTS

Criminal proceedings involving inmates in the custody of the county sheriff not requiring a jury may be held in a secure conference room or courtroom in the county jail in Adair, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Polk, Ringgold and Taylor counties. Such jail court facilities shall be maintained in a neutral setting with the trappings of the court, including a desk for the judicial officer, flags and a copy of the Iowa Code. Such jail court facilities shall be maintained separately from law enforcement offices or detention facilities in the jail. All jail court proceedings shall be public either by allowing the public to attend in the conference room or courtroom or by allowing the public to observe via audiovisual closed circuit television.

C. RIVERPOINT

Polk County Magistrate Court, including small claims and suburban traffic court, shall be held on the first floor of the Riverpoint Office Center, 500 S.W. 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

D. BROADLAWNS SANDS UNIT

Polk County Mental Health Commitment hearings shall be conducted in the lower level conference room of the Sydney Sands Unit of Broadlawns Medical Center, 1801 Hickman Road, Des Moines, Iowa.

E. DRAKE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

The courtroom in the Neal and Bea Smith Legal Clinic of the Drake University Law School is hereby designated as an alternate place of holding court in Polk County for purposes of the Law School Trial Practicum Program, overflow trials when courtrooms are not available in the Polk County Courthouse, and trials assigned to senior judges.

F. NEWTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The room set aside for court hearings at the Newton Correctional Facility, 307 S. 60th Avenue W. Newton, Iowa, is hereby designated as a place of holding court for the purposes of facility disciplinary hearings.

G. MITCHELVILLE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The room set aside for hearings at the Iowa Correctional Facility for Women at Mitchelville, Iowa is designated as a place of holding court for purposes of mental health commitment proceedings for inmates of the facility.

H. IOWA LUTHERAN HOSPITAL & MERCY HOSPITAL - MAIN

The rooms set aside for court hearings at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services Unit, 700 East University Avenue, Des Moines, IA; and Mercy Behavioral Health at Mercy Main, 111 6th Avenue, West Parking Ramp to 5th Floor, Des Moines, IA are designated as a place of holding court for purposes of adolescent mental health or substance abuse commitment proceedings.

DATED this 14 day of January, 2016.


ARTHUR E. GAMBLE, CHIEF JUDGE
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

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